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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 22ND, 1911.

The annual report on a railway for which a sum of \$520,000 has to be provided out of the rates in the current year is necessarily a document of much interest to the taxpayers, and the long and lucid statement made in the Council by H.E. THE GOVERNOR on Thursday, and reported verbatim in our issue of yesterday, will doubtless have been read with much attention. We need not again discuss the question of the cost of the line, for on more than one occasion the Government, in answering criticisms on this point, has given very full explanations with the object of satisfying the taxpayers that value has been obtained for the money expended, and we do not see that anything more can usefully be said now on the subject. If the entire scheme had, in the first instance, been presented to the Colony in the same way that Sir FREDERICK LUGARD, during his tenure of the Governorship, has annually given an account of the progress of the undertaking, it is probable that less would have been heard about the large excess over the preliminary estimate, because the community would not have been misled into thinking that they would obtain what they have now got for half the money. Provision had to be made, not for ordinary railway communication between two cities, but for the terminus of the grand trunk line from Hankow, and though it seems probable at the present time that this line will be under construction for a much longer period than appeared likely three or

four years ago, it would have been extremely short-sighted and censurable had the Government neglected to make provision in the plans for a terminal station affording the facilities which the traffic of a great trunk line of railway must necessarily require. Whether or not the Colony has received full value for the money it has expended is a question for the experts, and so we turn to the references made in HIS EXCELLENCY'S statement regarding the prospects of the line. It is very satisfactory to learn that for the last three months of 1910 the actual receipts were more than double the amount of the estimate, and that for the present year the Chief Resident Engineer has had occasion to increase his estimate of the receipts from \$107,000 to \$176,000, notwithstanding that the line to Canton will not be opened for through traffic quite so early as had been anticipated. In 1912 Mr. LUGARD counts on the earnings of the British section amounting to \$370,000, and the taxpayers will hope sincerely that this anticipation will be fulfilled, and even exceeded, for the larger the earnings the lighter becomes the burden on the rates. When we see the marvellous way in which railway traffic has developed in other parts of China, we feel that confidence is justified in the prediction of the experts that the earnings are likely to be larger than they had previously dared to anticipate. If the railway is fed at various stages of the line in the same way that it is proposed to feed it at Fanning, by the construction of a light railway from Shataukok, there seems good reason to believe that in a very few years the railway would have a local traffic which in itself would make the line remunerative. We trust that the negotiations which are now proceeding for a working agreement will result not only in the establishment of the most harmonious relations, but also in an arrangement for the running of the line in a way which will be at once efficient and economical. It would be absurd, and possibly lead to a good deal of friction, to have separate and distinct staffs for each section of a railway whose total length does not exceed 112 miles. The cost of working the railway, as H. E. THE GOVERNOR said, would be very largely reduced if the whole line were worked as one business concern under joint management, which was the original intention of the Colonial Government, and it will be obviously a matter for great regret, on the Chinese side no less than on the British, if that intention is not fulfilled. Presumably this is one of the questions yet to be settled. There is but one other point in HIS EXCELLENCY'S statement on the railway to which we need refer, and that concerns the reply made to the criticisms passed by the Hon. Mr. KESWICK in his capacity as Chairman of the Dock Co. and also in his capacity as Chairman of the Wharf and Godown Co., on Government competition with local enterprise. HIS EXCELLENCY, while showing that some of the conclusions drawn were premature, justified the establishment of railway workshops on the ground that it was to the advantage of the taxpayer to have them, though we doubt if this view will be widely accepted until it is proved by actual experience, especially while any doubt remains as to whether each section of the line will be separately managed or the whole placed under a joint administration. No one, for a moment, could have supposed that the Government had come to a decision on such a question without some sort of evidence that it would be more economical for the railway to have workshops of its own than to be giving out all its repair work to local establishments. HIS EXCELLENCY certainly made out a good *prima facie* case for the workshops from the taxpayer's point of view, and it remains for those who dissent from the conclusions of the Government, and are qualified to express an opinion on the subject, to prove that the reasons on which the decisions based are fallacious. For the rest, we have only to note that the railway is now estimated to cost the Colony \$12,300,000, exclusive of the cost of the terminal station, but including over a lakh invested for renewals and repairs to the open line, and we have only to hope that the heavy annual charges which the Colony is now bearing in respect of the railway will be, in the words of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, "annually and rapidly decreased as the proceeds from the railway increase."

H.M.S. *Albatross* has proceeded to Mira Bay.

The Bandmann Opera Company gave a second performance of "The Arcadians" to a large audience last night.

H.M.S. *Crescent* left for Home yesterday morning with time-expired men from this station.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps are holding a dinner to night at the headquarters.

The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne leaves for Home on Monday on six months' leave of absence, travelling via Siberia.

The rate of exchange went up to 1s. 10d. yesterday. The rise is presumably due to the war in Mexico.

The Hon. R. F. Thayer, Judge of the U. S. Court for China, and Mrs. Thayer, left Shanghai on Monday in the s.s. *Chigo Maru* for home.

Dr. Oldham, the well-known preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach in the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

A Chinese boy who snatched a watch and chain and three medals from a Portuguese was yesterday sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

From Mr. Mee Cheong, the well-known photographer, we have received some excellent pictures of the landing of the American Admiral a few days ago to call upon H.E. the Governor.

A Chinese from Shanghai presented a forged order to a fish guild in the city and obtained \$30. Inquiries led to his arrest at Chongchuan and it was found that he had a number of forged orders in his possession.

Considerable local interest is manifested in the three submarines which have arrived from Home, and the general desire to see them is not likely to be gratified. One was in view alongside the *Monmouth* on Thursday.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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H.E. the Governor, president of the Y.M.C.A., has signified his intention of being present at the Library concert on Wednesday next. From von Wisner, Dr. and Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Barvinton, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pellock, K.C., Mr. Pellock and Mr. Webb have promised to assist.

A British marine named John Ross appeared at the Magistrate's yesterday charged with stealing a bottle of gin valued \$1.20 from a proprietor's shop in Arsenal Street and also with assaulting the two foks in charge. The defendant was discharged on the first charge, but fined \$5 each on the two charges of assault.

Lady Lugard's weekly "At Home" yesterday was largely attended. Tea was served on the lawn and a large company afterwards adjourned to the ball-room to listen to Mr. Timmerscheidt's playing of the whole of the *Cesar* Sonata, on the violin, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Dannesbørg. It was a performance which deserved unstinted praise and was evidently greatly enjoyed.

The many friends of Dr. F. T. Keyt, assistant Health Officer of the Port, will regret to learn that he has just received telegraphic news of the sudden death of his wife in Jersey (Channel Islands), where she resided with her son. Mrs. Keyt had been lately in an unsatisfactory state of health, but the news of her death was totally unexpected and the deepest sympathy will be extended to Dr. Keyt in his sad bereavement.

Some time ago the Viceroy at Nanking telegraphed instructions to the Shanghai Tsoai to request the Consular Body to prevent foreigners from going to Henli to hold a regatta this year, and now the Governor at Soochow has wired to the effect that he has been informed that the foreigners still want to go to Henli to hold boat races, and as Henli is an inland place the Tsoai should request the Consuls to prohibit their nationals from doing so.

At Shanghai last Sunday Mr. Vallon, the aviator, flew with great success, and took passengers on a couple of trips. His first companion was his courageous wife, Madame Vallon, who circled the course three times with him at a considerable altitude; and his second was a Chinese military engineer officer from Peking, who made the circuit of the course twice, and declared on alighting that he was perfectly enchanted with his experience. These flights were witnessed by a huge concourse of spectators, including many Chinese officers from Peking and Nanking.

It is reported that Prince Tsai Tsai has proposed that the Ta Ching and Communications Banks should be amalgamated and turned into a Central Government Bank, and that it should be placed under the control of a Superintendent with the rank of a President of a Board and Deputy-Superintendent with the rank of a Vice-President of a Board. The Currency Bureau should be made a department of this bank. The bank should be responsible for the circulation of the currency and the receipt of all public moneys, while the Board of Finance should retain exclusive powers of raising and appropriating funds. His Highness has also suggested that H. E. Sheng Kung-pao be appointed Superintendent. The Grand Council is said to be heartily in favour of the proposal.

INTERESTING TO STAMP
COLLECTORS.

Li Sz, until recently trading as a dealer in old stamps and postcards under the name Fook Loy Hin, in Queen's Road Central, at the corner of Chin Loong Street, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. E. R. Hallifax to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for unlawful possession of adhesive stamps from which marks of cancellation had been unlawfully removed contrary to the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

The "cleaned" stamps, which consisted principally of 50 cents and \$1 stamps used both for Revenue and Postal purposes, were forfeited to the Crown.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

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Copyright Ordinance, 1894.][REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]CHURCH AND STATE IN
PORTUGAL.

A SEPARATION LAW.

LONDON, April 21st.

A telegram from Lisbon states that a law for the separation of Church and State will be promulgated shortly. It suppresses Catholicism as a State religion and guarantees liberty of conscience.

It also orders the religious communities to devote a third of their income to charity, and establishes Government control of public worship.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

THE POSITION OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, April 21st.

Reuter's Agency is informed that the negotiations at Peking between Sir John Jordan and the Waiwupa almost reached a deadlock a few weeks ago, but such progress has been made during the past fortnight that the prospects of a satisfactory solution of the question of the diminution of the import of Indian opium into China may be regarded as distinctly favourable. It would, however, be premature to state that an agreement had been reached, as there are still two or three questions outstanding, including the manner whereby unpaid (native) opium in China can be checked and how accumulated stocks may be disposed of.

CHAMPAGNE TRADE
TROUBLES.

LONDON, April 21st.

The champagne country is temporarily quiet. As many as 150 persons have been arrested, including several leaders of the vine-dressers.

The authorities are sifting the causes of the origin of the outbreak.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

LONDON, April 21st.

A message from Madrid states that a section of the Spanish Press, embracing prominent Liberal and Conservative organs, is conducting a vigorous campaign against the Franco-Spanish entente. They recommend a rapprochement, even an agreement, with Germany.

THE SITUATION IN MEXICO.

LONDON, April 21st.

A Washington telegram states that the Mexican reply to the American demand for restrictive measures on the frontier has been handed to President Taft.

According to the Mexican Ambassador the reply is friendly both in form and in substance.

[FROM THE "CABLE NEWS-AMERICAN."]

AMERICA AND ANNEXATION OF
MEXICO.

Washington, April 17th.

A fight between the Mexican federals and insurgents at Agua Prieta was suspended yesterday afternoon at the instigation of Major-General William H. Carter, commander-in-chief of the American forces on the border. General Carter, acting upon instructions from Washington, warned the belligerents that, inasmuch as they were fighting near the American line, they would have to withdraw.

The Government is preparing to strengthen the corps already mobilized, and the Sixth Cavalry is now en route to Arizona.

The prevailing opinion in the United States is that intervention is imminent and that annexation of Mexico by the United States will follow of a necessity.

There is great activity in the State and War departments, but the administration is preserving the silence it has maintained since the beginning of the Mexican trouble

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CHINESE OFFICIAL
CHANGES.

PEKING, April 21st.

Chao Erh-feng, Amban of Tibet, has been appointed Viceroy of Szechuan, Wang Jui-yen, Treasurer of Szechuan Province, has been appointed Frontier Minister for Yunnan and Szechuan. Chou Jui chen has been appointed Treasurer of Szechuan Province, and Chung Chien-feng Provincial Judge of Hunan.

THE PLAGUE CONFERENCE.

PEKING, April 21st.

The Delegates attending the International Conference on Plague were entertained at a banquet yesterday, H.E. the Viceroy being present.

The Government is inviting the Delegates to Peking on the termination of the Conference, which is expected about the 27th inst.

JAPANESE HONOURS.

Tokyo, April 21st.

Several honours in connection with the annexation of Korea are announced. Count Katsura has been made a Prince, Baron Komura has been created a Marquis, and General Terauchi has been raised to the rank of Count.

JAPANESE CABINET CRISIS.

Tokyo, April 21st.

The Cabinet is on the eve of a long-expected resignation.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC
SOCIETY.

The Philharmonic Society's Concert in the City Hall on Friday next will open with an orchestral item, a *Liedstrum* by von Plo. The next item will be a solo by Mrs. Schofield, who will sing Goring Thomas' "Le baiser," one of his lesser known but finest compositions. Mr. Timmerscheidt will then play a violin solo, after which Dr. and Mrs. Schofield will sing a duet by Chambliss. The concluding item in Part I is a *Presto* and *Allegro* for piano and orchestra, in which Mr. Donnan Fuller will be the solo pianist.

Part II consists entirely of Barnett's "Ancient Mariner," for chorus, soloists, and orchestra. This will be performed by a chorus and orchestra of 80 performers. We believe this work was performed in Hongkong in 1893, but without any orchestral accompaniment. For this concert the work has been specially orchestrated by Mr. Donnan Fuller. The soloists are Mrs. Stainer, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. S. Moore and Mr. Frank Austin. The work is one of the greatest melodic interest, and although written some years ago still holds a premier place in modern concert programmes, for hardly a year goes by but it appears in the programme of several of the large Home societies.

Tickets for the concert are \$3, and the booking plan is to be seen at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's, members of the Society being entitled to two tickets at half-price.

FIRE RISKS IN PORT.

CONFERENCE OF UNDERWRITERS.

A Conference of British underwriters had been summoned to consider the question of their liability for goods in ports of discharge, and it is curious that the Conference should have met under the cloud of serious news. Nothing more was known during business hours of the disastrous fire in a Customs House at Buenos Aires, believed to have been full of merchandise discharged from steamers, but the statement of the *Times* Correspondent that the damage was estimated at \$250,000 may well have impressed those present at the Conference with the seriousness of the problem they were discussing. Originally the liability of marine underwriters was intended to cease when goods were discharged and safely landed in port, but gradually, partly owing to strenuous competition, their liability has been extended until goods are sometimes at their risk for a further 15, 30, or 55 days, or much longer. They have never loved these risks, considering that they fell within the province of fire offices, and the meeting of London, Liverpool, and Manchester companies and of members of Lloyd's was held with a view of limiting the extent of marine underwriters' risks after discharge in River Plate ports. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. R. A. Ogilvie, of the Institute of London Underwriters, and it is understood that the necessary machinery to give effect to underwriters' views has been set in motion.

The decision of the marine underwriters will in due course necessitate some rearrangement of the plans of big shippers to the Argentine, but they should have no difficulty in arranging for floating fire policies. In a large number of cases these are effected at present, and come into operation immediately the marine policies expire, and take effect rather sooner. At any rate, on the basis that the cobblers should stick to his last, there is a good deal to be said for marine underwriters confining themselves to marine risks and leaving fire insurance risks to those expert in the business.—*The Times*.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, April 21st.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND
(ACTING JUSTICE JUDGE).

FURNISHING A HOUSE.

Judgment was delivered in the action in which Mrs. G. Monti sued Cheong Lee & Co., of Queen's Road Central, for the return of certain goods set out in a schedule attached to the writ of summons which were illegally detained by the defendants, or for \$993.90, value thereof.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. Hinde (of Messrs. Dutton & Hott).

His Lordship said he was satisfied that the plaintiff's story was the true one. It was of opinion that the transaction, which was the subject matter of this case, was not tainted with immorality or illegality. The property belonged to the plaintiff, and she could have got any body else to have sold it for her. There would be an order for delivery up by the defendants to the plaintiff of the goods which had been kept by the defendants, unless the parties could agree to a valuation. The net proceeds of the goods sold at auction must be paid over to the plaintiff, and defendants would pay plaintiff her costs of the suit.

Mr. Hinde applied for a stay of execution with a view to appeal.

Mr. Kong Sing—With regard to that part of the property which defendants said they never had, does your Lordship hold that they never had it?

His Lordship—Which is that—the champagne cups?

Mr. Kong Sing—Yes, and other things.

His Lordship—I thought there was no dispute about that.

Mr. Hinde—A dozen champagne glasses won't last indefinitely. They get broken.

Mr. Kong Sing—That is not the point.

His Lordship—I thought you were not going to contest that?

Mr. Kong Sing—What I submitted to your Lordship was that I was entitled to everything that appeared on the list that Cheong Lee drew up.

His Lordship—He said he never received them.

Mr. Kong Sing—It is a question for your Lordship to decide whether he did or not. The list was drawn up by him and he signed it and took the things away.

His Lordship—Now you put that point to me I am rather inclined to believe the defendant's story that he did not receive the goods in question.

Mr. Kong Sing—Then we can eliminate those goods.

His Lordship granted a stay of execution and ordered the payment into Court of \$700 and \$200 costs.

THE QUESTIONS OF A CHINAMAN.

SOME CHALLENGES TO MISSIONARIES.

The "heathen Chinese," educated, civilised, and equipped with a sound knowledge of modern civilisation, says the *Daily Mail*, is appealing to the Christian countries to withdraw their "Biblically-missionaries" from the Celestial Kingdom. Mr. Lin Shao-Yang, in a book just published, entitled, "A Chinese Appeal to Christendom concerning Christian Missions" (Watts & Co. 5s.), protests against the "absurd, contemptible, and demoralising medley" that forms the stock-in-trade of missionaries, and urges that China be left to work out her own salvation, as far as religion is concerned, without Western interference.

His method of argument is mainly a bland astonishment and questioning. Dealing with the present condition of Christianity in Europe, he observes:

What we wonder at is that your missionary zeal should not only remain unabated, but should actually show signs of increasing activity during an epoch which is obviously one of religious unrest throughout all Christian lands, and in which historical research and scientific methods of criticism have caused the gravest doubts to be thrown on the truth of some of the fundamental propositions of the Christian faith. Do the missionaries propose to convert China and then wait for the Chinese to reconvert the West? It is because I am firmly convinced that some of the teachings and methods of very many foreign missionaries are seriously defective in themselves, harmful to the people of China, and disastrous to the cause of truth, civilisation, and international harmony, that I have obliged myself to undertake the difficult and cheerless task of issuing this appeal to the people of the Christian West.

SERIES OF QUERIES.

Mr. Lin Shao-Yang puts a series of questions to the Western peoples. Are those who are not earnest, professing Christians, he asks, worse than their more ardent neighbours in England? Can it be that the people of China, half the population of the world, are really doomed to everlasting damnation as the missionaries' creed, as he understands it, postulates? Cannot the missionaries understand that Christianity must be presented to the Chinese in a form "that will bear the closest critical scrutiny"? How are the catch-words of the missionaries, he asks, superior to those of Buddhism and Shintoism and Mahomedanism? The Christianity of the missionaries, he asserts, is crude and out of date. Why is it not expounded in its most modern and intellectual form? "If I pay a visit to a modern observatory shall I be told that the sun goes round the earth because, forsooth, the astronomer's ancestors believed it?"

What will the unlettered Christian missionary do with a Chinese who has read Hume, or Spencer, or Mill, or Turgot, or Bradley, or Nietzsche, and *Der Antichrist*, and is prepared to discuss with him? It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the Chinese do not want Europe's catch-words of theology, and if you insist upon resting it upon them it is not unlikely that there will some day be a terrible reaction, resulting in the definite expulsion from China of all Western religion.

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It has been slowly brought to our understanding that the world is not the same to all creatures, and probably no experiment has tended more to make this clear than the recent ones by Prof. Karl Hess, of Wuerzburg, on the colour-sense of chickens, pigeons, owls and kestrels. Men with hungry chickens and pigeons were first kept an hour in a bright room to become accustomed to the light. The floor was then spread with a smooth black cloth evenly covered with grains of wheat, a strong spectrum was thrown on it from the ceiling, and the hungry animals were turned loose. They picked the wheat first from the bright red, then the ultra-red, next the yellow, and finally the green. They touched nothing in the blue and violet because they saw nothing, but on the other hand, they saw the grains in the ultra-red that were invisible to the men. This proved that for chickens and pigeons the spectrum is shortened at the violet end of short wave-length and extended at the red end of long wave-length. This is the effect one might expect from wearing orange-coloured glasses, and Hess demonstrated that fowls see through such spectacles in the form of yellow and orange oil-globules imbedded in the light-sensitive iris. To kestrels and buzzards the brightest zone was the green instead of red, the blue being visible. To owls the colours were as men see them.

ELECTRIC SPARK DISINFECTION.

The telephone disinfector of B. F. Gardner of Chicago is an arrangement for producing electric sparks in the mouthpiece. Wires projecting through the walls of the mouthpiece are connected with a secondary coil wound on the ringer frame, and this causes sparks when the utterer's ringing current is sent out on the line to ring the bell.

SHIP-STEADYING TANKS.

The "rolling tanks" of Frahm, the Hamburg engineer, have reduced the roll of vessels from 11 degrees on each beam to two degrees. U-shaped tanks extend from port to starboard through the hold, and the rise and fall of the water in them neutralizes rhythmic movement as the ship rolls.

"ANOTHER GUESS AT MARS."

In a novel theory of Mars, Prof. Svante Arrhenius rejects Prof. Lowell's view that the changing dark spots and bands are due to vegetation, and accepts the old suggestion that the so-called canals are long, deep fissures. Similar formations exist on the earth, one extending a distance of 2,200 miles along the coasts of Peru and Chile. Water is supposed to collect in the fissures or canals, and to accumulate especially at the points where several meet, these "lakes" of Schiaparelli or "oases" of Lowell being explained as places where the planet's crust has sunk. Though very salt, the water is frozen by the intense cold. The ice evaporates in the dry air, the vapour collects as snow at the winter pole, and the canals become beds of dry salts, until, with the melting of the snow in spring and summer, the air ceases to be dry, and the salts again attract moisture, turning to a darker hue. Among objections offered to the new theory is that it does not satisfactorily account for the complete winter disappearance of the canals, which, if really fissures, should remain visible throughout the year.

AN IRRIGATION TREE.

Plantations of the rain tree of Peru, the tamaris, are claimed to offer great possibilities as irrigation works. The tree grows readily in any soil, reaching large size, and has a luxuriant foliage, with a remarkable power of collecting and condensing atmospheric moisture. Its capacity, moreover, is increased by the usual heat of a drought. The water falls from the leaves and oozes from the trunk, and forms veritable rivers, which can be led as irrigating canals to any point desired. A single tree is estimated to average 9 gallons of rain a day. Making liberal allowance for evaporation and infiltration, a square mile grove of the trees would supply for distribution about 100,000 gallons of water daily.

STAR MEASUREMENT.

Up to the present time somewhat successful attempts have been made to measure the distances of about 360 fixed stars, but many of the determinations are of doubtful accuracy. No nearer star has been found than Alpha Centauri of the southern hemisphere, the third brightest star in the heavens, with a parallax of three-quarters of a second of arc. Its distance is about 26 millions of millions of miles, and light from it takes 4½ years to reach us.

BUILDING-STONE DISEASE.

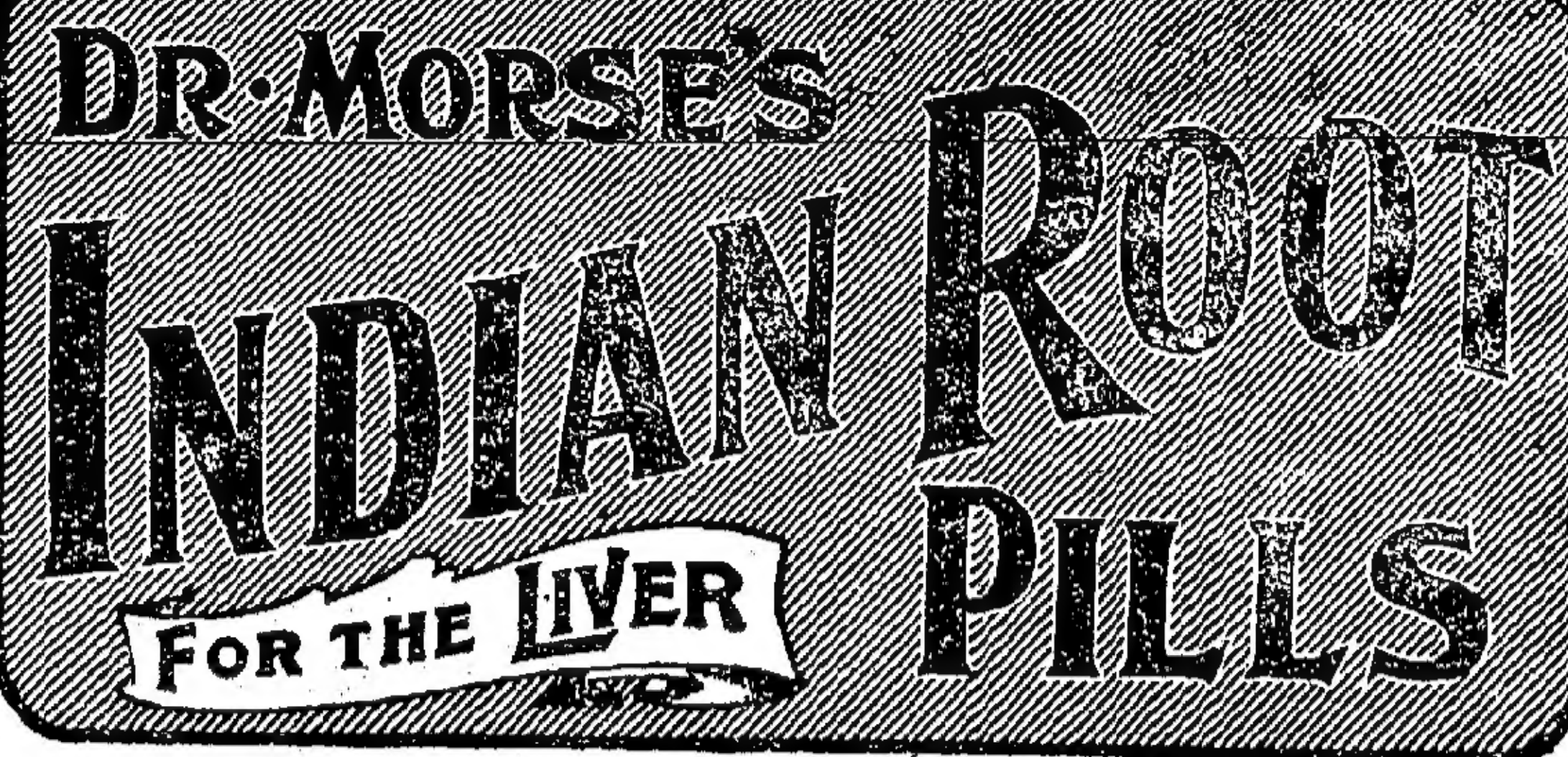
The crumbling of building stones is another form of decay that we are to attribute to the action of microscopic organisms. At a recent Museum Conference at York, England, Dr. T. Anderson showed that stone-decay is not due to wind action, and expressed the belief that it is not surface action at all, but a kind of rot produced by some low form of life like the moulds and fungi that rot wood, canvas and other vegetable materials. Treatment based on abrasion or chemical theories having failed, he sought a cure of the stones by the use of various gericides. The result has been as anticipated, and in the two years since the experiments began, the stones that have been treated with sulphate of copper, bichloride of mercury and cresote. For a test of this kind, however, the time is too short to justify any definite conclusion.

BAD LIVERS.

Not only is the Liver the largest but one of the most important organs in the human body, and when deranged it becomes the source of endless suffering. When the Liver is clogged by the inactivity of the kidneys and bowels, it becomes torpid, and fails to filter the bile from the blood, thus producing biliousness and a general impairment of the digestive system. The tongue is coated, the head aches, digestion is imperfect; there is aching of the limbs and back, feelings of fullness, weight and soreness over the stomach and liver; the eye becomes yellow and jaundiced and the complexion muddy, the urine is scanty and highly coloured, and the bowels irregular, constipation and looseness alternating. There is little use treating the liver separately, as it can never be set right until the kidneys and bowels are made active in removing the waste from the body. It is for this very reason that Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills have always proved so wonderfully successful in curing the most chronic liver complaint, biliousness and complicated ailments of the kidneys, liver, and bowels. They reach the liver as no other remedy does.

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SOLAR HEAT UTILIZED.

Sun heat has proven effective in chemical experiments, which required no highly refractory supporting vessel. Using a 16-inch plano-convex lens of 20 inches focus, and placing the substance to be heated in a magnesia crucible contained in a glass vessel from which the air had been exhausted, A. Stock and H. Heymann melted pieces of copper and cast iron almost instantly and crystallized silicon—with a melting point of 1,450 deg. C.—in a few seconds. The temperature was found to be several hundred degrees greater in a vacuum than in the same glass vessel from which the air had not been exhausted.

THE PRINCE'S TEMPER.

Our readers will remember that, some little time ago, Prince George of Servia gained world-wide notoriety by throwing his man-servant downstairs. Whether the servant was killed or not, we do not know. It is said that this amiable Prince is soon to enter the French Army and that a special attendant has been engaged to guard the Royal soldier's temper. There are days when many of us feel irritable and cross, but don't usually throw people downstairs, or excuse our folly on account of our noble blood. If we are sensible, we admit we are out of sorts and put down the cause to some stomach or liver disorder. When that is the real cause, we can quickly remedy it by taking a few doses of the standard stomach and liver tonic, Mother Seigel's Syrup. And when you come to think how many ailments are entirely due to a disordered state of the stomach and liver, you cannot fail to appreciate the value of such a herbal remedy as Mother Seigel's Syrup.

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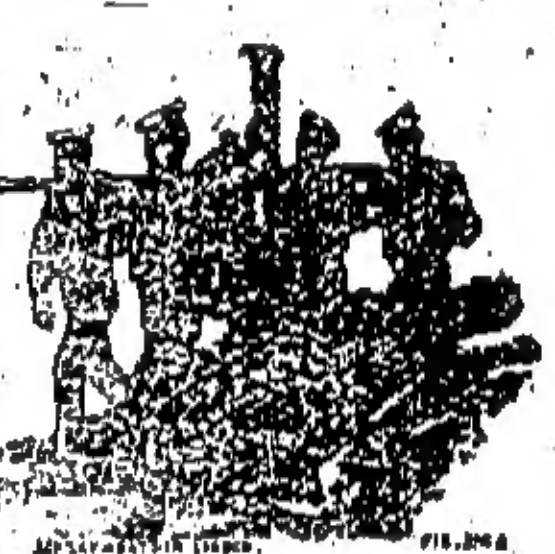
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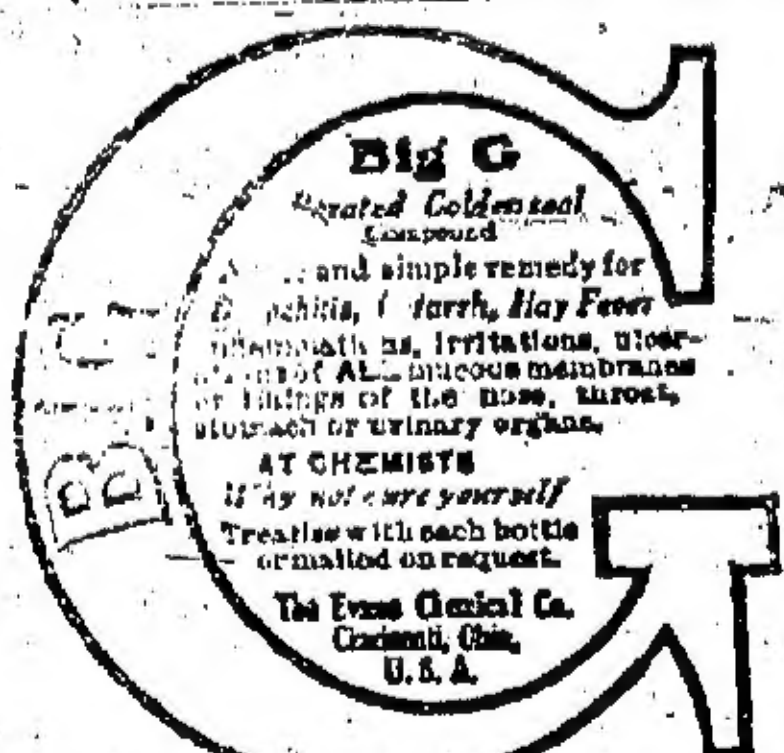
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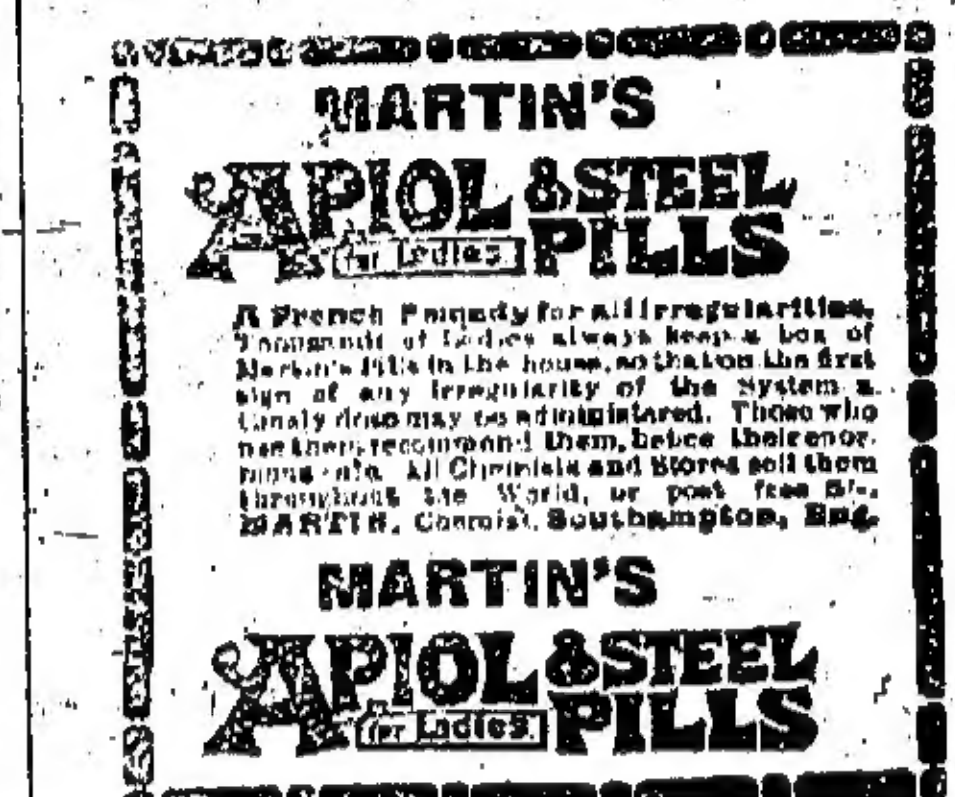
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THE PLAGUE IN CHINA.

[REFLECTIONS BY DR. MORRISON, "THE
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The first case of plague was discovered on
November 8. The first Western-trained Chinese
doctors arrived on December 6, but were pre-
vented from working. A fortnight later the
Director of the Army Medical College at Tientsin,
Dr. Wu Lien-tch, a Cantonese from Singa-
pore, who had a brilliant career at Cambridge,
arrived here with a number of assistants, only
to encounter heart-breaking opposition. But
then the Chinese Governor of Kirin
came here himself. A Cantonese also, he
had personal experience of the advantages of
Western medicine, for his own son had been
treated by Dr. Wu Lien-tch and had recovered
from a severe attack of typhoid. The Governor
realized the importance of giving support to
the doctors. Dr. Gibb was sent from Peking to
assist Dr. Wu in organizing preventive
measures. Soldiers were provided to form a
cordons round the infected town. Sanitary
measures were devised, and a corps of
stretchers-bearers were organized, and system
introduced. The Russian authorities supplied
100 railway cars for a quarantine station, an
excellent arrangement for they are easily aired
and easily warmed. As I write 1,200 contacts
are living there more comfortably than in their
own houses. Their period of detention expires
to-morrow. The town was divided into four
sections, the occupants of each section being
distinguished by a different coloured badge.
Disinfecting stations and laboratories were
created. There was daily house-to-house visitation.
The cry "Bring out your dead" was
heard as in the Plague of London.

THE WORK OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE
DOCTORS.

A few days after the departure of the Governor
Dr. Stenhouse and Dr. Graham A. Reid arrived
from Peking, and the latter remained on
duty until the 14th, after which he
returned to his home. Too much praise cannot
be given to these three English doctors for their
courage and devotion, their skill and humanity.
And if honour is also due to Dr. Wu Lien-tch,
who has borne the brunt of the work, has faced
constant danger, has shown administrative gifts
of a high order. He is the chief of the Chinese
Sanitary Commission. His energy has been
entirely his good humour unflinching. With
him have been 20 Chinese doctors trained in
Western medicine and nearly all speaking good
English; with him also have been 30 Chinese
medical students and dressers. They have all
deserved well of their country. The experience
they have gained will be invaluable in the future.
Conspicuous on the staff was a young doctor,
Dr. Chuan, whose experiences have included a
two-years' residence with the Chinese Amban
in Tibet and a visit to Simla.

Success attended organized effort. As I
have said, plague declared itself on November
8, but it was not until January 14, after the visit
of the Governor, that any effective measures
could be instituted. The death-roll reached
its height on January 28, when there were 173
fatal cases. One month later, on February 28, no
death was recorded in the Chinese town.

Infection was by direct contact. Rats and
flies played no part in the infection. The
attack was fulminant, there was no authentic
case of recovery. Old persons and young
children fared better than the strong and middle-
aged. In one family, out of 14 persons three
were only two survivors, a woman of 71 and her
great-grandchild of 10. Among a lot of bodies
cremated there was only one child. Evidence as
to the value of inoculation is inconclusive, but
evidence is overwhelming that nearly every case
of death among the Europeans was preventable,
and there have only been 50 deaths among a
European population in the infected areas of
North Manchuria of not less than 6,000.
Astounding indifference was manifested in the
face of danger. Dr. Mesny, the brilliant
French doctor who died, was examining a
masked throat of a patient with his
naked eye when the patient coughed into his
face and thus gave him his death. Dr. Michel,
the Russian doctor whose death shocked the
community, believing himself immune, showed
a reckless disregard of precautions. Among the
Russian sanitary corps, recruited as they were
from the lowest classes, there was a conspicuous
absence of precautions, the men drinking the
spit given them to disinfect their hands after
moving the dead. When Pere Matillot was
struck down in Hantui (a large Chinese town
15 miles distant) his fellow-military from a
neighbouring district, Pere Delpal, came to
nurse him. They had been friends from boy-
hood. Pere Delpal kissed his dying comrade
on the lips, was infected and died in three days.

THE MORTALITY.

At Chia Tien, the Chinese town, when winter
began, had a resident population of 25,000
and an additional floating population of some
10,000, the numbers being estimates only, and
if incorrect, erring by excess. Of these, 5,138
have died from plague, a number insignificant
when compared with the mortality of plague
outbreaks in India. In addition there have
been 483 deaths due to other causes. There
were 20 fatal cases in November, 322 in Decem-
ber, 3,323 in January, and 1,467 in February.
Within the town boundaries there are still
18,000 people, the remainder having fled, and
they are quickly resuming their normal condi-
tions. Among the stretcher-bearers there was
great mortality. Tempted by a wage of 22s.
a month, they cheerfully incurred appalling risks.
Stringent regulations were issued for the
protection of the 1,100 Chinese troops
forming the cordon round the infected town,
and, although 60 died, in at least
50 cases infection was due to careless-
ness. Of 700 police in the plague-stricken
town only 20 died. Altogether the total number
of deaths in the whole area of Kharbin has been
less than 7,000, while the number in all
Manchuria since the beginning is estimated at
41,000, of whom 25,000 have died in the two
northern provinces.

In the Roman Catholic compound in P.
Chia Tien the French missionary Pere Bourdier
gathered his people together and shut them up
in the compound, hoping to keep out the
pestilence. His action unhappily increased its
virulence. Among his people he remained and
daily held Mass for them and ministered to them
until he died. Sufferings in the Pei Yang
during the Peking siege of 1900 bear no
comparison with the trials endured in this
overcrowded sanctuary: of 330 Christians 243
perished.

REMARKABLE INSTANCES OF IMMUNITY.

In the chief plague hospital 1,600 plague
patients were admitted and 1,600 died. An aged
Chinese quack of the old school named Mr. Ku,
assisted by one dresser, was in charge of the
hospital. They cared for the dying, supersti-
tiously avoided the dead, and yet enjoyed
complete immunity. Both were opium smokers;
the assistant, but not Mr. Ku, had been inocu-
lated with Haffkine's prophylactic. There were
other remarkable instances of immunity—
instances, for example, of men sent into this
hospital in the erroneous belief that they had
plague, remaining there for several days—on one
occasion for 20 days—and still escaping infection.

Many true stories are told of the plague. In
one shop a tailor had eight apprentices. Two
of these died. Their bodies were hidden, and
no report made. Then four more were
stricken and died, and their bodies also concealed.
But now the master was unwearied. He gathered
together his money, collecting what debts he
could, and with a hoard of 600 roubles hurried
off to the railway, determined to flee from the
city. But he had come from the infected dis-
trict, and the railway would not issue him a
ticket. In despair he returned to his shop, and
three days later he died. Two apprentices now
survived. They divided his money, and looked
forward to the enjoyment of their gains and of
the property. "Escape, however, was denied
them. Both died, and when the bearers came
to search the house they found the money
equally shared seven up in the clothing on their
dead bodies.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

But all anxiety has now passed, and the
danger is over for the present. Delegates are
now gathering for the conference in Mukden,
which will meet on April 3 under the presidency
of Dr. Wu Lien-tch. Many interesting ques-
tions await answer. What is the origin of the
plague? Why did it not break out before?
Why has it died out? Why has it become less
virulent? What is the nature of the marmot
plague? Will the pneumonic outbreak be
succeeded by a bubonic infection? In the
Black Death in England in 1349 a great mor-
tality among the sheep was noted. During the
recent outbreak there has been an unusual
mortality among horses, mules, and pigs.
There are pneumonic symptoms, but it is believed
no plague infection. What is the ex-
planation? Is the mortality a coincidence
only? Finally, what is to prevent a recurrence
of plague next October?

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CHAPTER XVI. BACK TO THE WORLD.

Next morning Merton was awakened at an early hour by Kaisha, who brought a message from Uena to the effect that she was going to pay her last visit to the Terrace of the Sun and would be glad if he would go with her and join in the solemn ceremony.

He readily consented and at once dressed himself. A lamp was burning dimly in the room, but on looking out of the window he saw that the moon was still shining.

Having completed his toilet, he donned the white robe which had been given him and at once accompanied Kaisha to a pleasant building where he found Uena waiting for him.

On seeing him, her face lighted with gladness and she came forward, and placing her hands confidently in his, lifted her lips to be kissed.

"It is your custom, dear," she whispered with a blush as she embraced him, "so it is mine. How good of you to come with me."

"Ah, Uena, my love," she exclaimed with earnest devotion, "you are indeed beautiful—as pure and as beautiful as the very stars which are shining above us. It is a pleasure to have you, and I have a happiness in being able to pass the remainder of my life in your company and under the shadow of your love."

If hypercritical, there was no ill-flattery in his words, and he meant what he said. She really was exceedingly beautiful, and on this particular occasion her personal charms were enhanced by the pale splendour of a waning moon which shined down upon her delicate complexion, her dark flower-decked hair and her slim white-robed figure.

They now proceeded towards a large temple-like structure where they found the priests assembled in readiness to start for the Terrace of the Sun. The High Priest came forward and acknowledged their salutations, took his place on the other side of Uena. The musicians now formed in front of them and the rest of the company behind; and, as a solemn chant broke upon the still air the procession moved forward through the broad avenue which led past the ruined temple in which Merton had so lately been imprisoned.

The dark trees, the white forms and the solemn musical singing combined to make a weird spectacle which greatly impressed him; and, as his eyes furtively glanced at the fair young girl whose hand rested in his, his childish simplicity, his mind became hushed with rapture and exaltation.

It seemed to him almost like a dream which would vanish with the coming of day, yet his thoughts were tinged with the joy and triumph of conquest. He had honourably won, and after many doubts and tribulations, had at length won his heart's desire; and before another sun had set he would be hearing his cherished prize away over the water—away from these paths of mystery to a world of happiness.

The procession passed round to the western base of the great terrace and, turning to the east, slowly and in silence ascended the lofty flight of marble steps, now and again pausing at a sign from the High Priest to rest and repeat a prayer. On reaching the top, the priest knelt in a long row with their faces turned towards the rising sun, which was just appearing above the clearly-defined rim of the horizon; while all around them stretched the shadowy waters, and at their feet a grey mist hovered above the tree-tops, completely obscuring the island and isolating the terrace in a cloud.

Uena and Merton knelt side-by-side on the extreme left of the line of priests, and their venerable chief took a place in the middle of the terrace and a little in advance of the others. Every head was bowed; and, as Merton saw the great orb slowly rising over the Eastern horizon, and flooding the sea with its glorious light, his thoughts shaped themselves into a devout prayer.

The radiance spread heavenward; and, as the first radiant glow fell upon the summit of that mighty monument, those who knelt there raised their heads and extended their arms in silent supplication, remaining in this posture until day had fully dawned and the last shadows of night had faded from the western sky. Then, with a loud jubilation cry, they rose with one accord and to the sound of solemn music formed into fours and descended the eastern staircase.

The procession returned through the avenue and at length stopped and dispersed in front of a long building which proved to be the banquet hall of the monastery.

The High Priest invited Merton in behalf of himself and the rest of the brethren to enter and partake of the first meal with them. He readily accepted the invitation and accompanied Uena to a place on the left hand side of the old man, who equated like the rest of the priests at a small table or *zen* about six inches high. His fare was plain but wholesome, consisting of fine white rice, sundried fish, millet and *kio brashi* edges and light amber-coloured tea.

Hardly a word was spoken during the meal, though now and again the elders conversed in an undertone with their guest. Presently the great bell began tolling and a young man came and informed the High Priest that his vessel was in readiness to start with the morning breeze.

"Then, my children," he said, turning to the happy couple, "we will now accompany you down to the wharf and watch your departure." Kaisha rushed off and soon returned bearing three large valises which he and another man carried down to the vessel. The priests now gathered around Uena, and as they proceeded towards the harbour there was a general interchange of friendly wishes and compliments. Then the High Priest drew her aside and for a time spoke to her in solemn earnest tones which seemed to affect her deeply; and after that he went up to Merton and gently led him away from the rest of the company.

"My son," he said, and his voice trembled with emotion, "I am now rendering up to you and to your safe-keeping the prize and joy of an old man's heart. For Uena has been, in a daughter to me and I am a father to her. In bidding you farewell, I would entreat you not to attach any special importance, except in a worldly sense, to the form of marriage which is contemplated by you and which is essential to a legal and earthly contract, but, on the other hand, to regard your spiritual union, which was commemorated here as the abiding and re-embodiment of attachment. For the woman you wed is as a bone which has grown in your body, and the light of her life will shine as a part of your light through all the successive stages of your being."

"Should Uena be taken from you, let the remembrance of this spiritual alliance, or mystical union of hearts, deter you from entering into any further contract of marriage, for those who love and pass onward guard the kindred soul on earth with a shield of protecting light."

"When the world becomes wiser and learns to read the signs aright, the union of spirits will hold the feet of God's peoples in the divine path which He has prepared for them. In your sacred book, the Bible—a translation of which is in this monastery—you will see in the great and beautiful parable at the beginning that the earthly union is inevitable though only temporary, but that the spiritual union is absolutely necessary and is blessed with eternal life and consequences. For it teaches that the first woman whom a man truly loves, and who loves him in return, is really a fundamental part of his constitution or his spiritual being—a part of his own destiny and he of hers—and whatsoever happens, whether they marry or not, their union has been solemnized in heaven and they are no longer free to love or wed another."

"I can only add, in conclusion," he said with gentle solicitude, "that you carry with you an old man's benediction and that day by day through the rest of my life I shall pray for you both and look for good tidings of you."

In a few earnest words Merton thanked him for his kindness and good counsel, and soon afterwards they came in sight of the stone wharf alongside of which a strongly built junk was moored. She had a high stern and two masts, but the latter had been unrigged in order to enable the vessel to pass out through the gateway of the reef. A number of women in blue and white robes were visible on her decks, some batten down hatches and others attending to the running gear or otherwise preparing for sea.

"The time had come to say good-bye, so the priests gathered around the two young people and commenced bobbing their heads and shaking hands with Merton."

"O *madita* *madita*, O *madita* *madita*," they murmured, and each of them pressed Uena with some simple keepsake which she received with tears and smiles of gratification.

"And now, my children," said the kindly old chief, laying his hands upon their shoulders, "I give you my blessing once more, and may the grace of God and the sunshine of peace and contentment enter into your hearts and lives and remain with you always. Farewell!"

Merton and Kaisha now ascended Uena to cross a gangway which bridged the space between the vessel and the wharf. On arriving on board they were met by the skipper, an elderly priest, who informed them that the wind was fair and that the weather promised to be favourable.

He then showed them to their berths, which were situated under the deck of the lofty poop and on either side of a small cabin. Though comfortably furnished and scrupulously clean, they were little better than boxes and only meant for sleeping purposes; but Merton felt thankful to be where he was and to have Uena with him.

Having inspected their berths, they returned on deck and the mooring lines were cast off and the junk slowly moved out into the harbour. And, as she proceeded on her way, those on shore waved a last adieu and stood watching the vessel until she had passed beyond the barrier and had gained the open sea.

Merton was pleased to find that the boat which had brought him to the island was still waiting him outside; and the old man and his boy seemed delighted at seeing him again. So after recasting his European clothes and other luggage, he further rewarded them for their honesty and sent them on their way rejoicing.

The masts of the junk were now raised and stayed and the sails hoisted to a gentle northerly breeze which rapidly bore them away towards the southern shores of the Inland Sea. Then Merton went to his berth, and, unpacking his luggage, divested himself of his Japanese disguise and priestly robe and donned his own clothes; and, when he had done so, he felt more like himself and more like a true Englishman.

He pottered about for some time making the berth more comfortable, and Kaisha brought him some warm bedding for his bunk. Then, hearing the sound of a *gong*, he repaired on deck and found that Uena had discarded her white vestments for a blue *kimono* and crimson sash.

She came forward to meet him, making a graceful bow.

"My lord, I greet you," she said with a demure smile, "and I rejoice to see you as you are, for your own brave dress becomes you well."

"It does indeed, dear!" she added with sweet seriousness, linking her arm into his and with a

blush of pride leading him forward to show him round the ship.

This romantic voyaging was altogether delightful to his adventurous spirit, and he felt himself quite an unweaned Ulysses, on his way home from Troy, abashed at this mediocrity of his crew.

It would not interest the reader were I to give a detailed account of the passage, so let it be sufficient for me to say that it was the happiest time Merton had ever spent in his life, and it gave him an opportunity of studying Uena's character more thoroughly. For, after leaving the island, all her old reserve and reticence were laid aside and her frank and affectionate nature was manifested in a variety of ways which charmed him and more closely cemented their attachment. But on nearing land there was one thing which appeared to cast a gloom over her and that was the frequent passing of junks and at times filled with troops.

They hailed one of these transports and learned that Japan was mobilising her armies. The political horizon had evidently darkened within the last week or two and war with Russia seemed imminent.

"Do you really think there will be war?" Uena asked Merton.

"I fear there will, dear, unless Russia disarms down pretty considerably," he answered, shaking his head. "It is a bad business from beginning to end and Japan will have to face a powerful and unscrupulous foe. But I feel confident that your plucky little countrymen will render a good account of themselves."

"They may be little, dear," she said, the pride of race suffusing her cheeks with a deeper colour, "but their hearts are large and brave. For the chivalrous spirit of the samurai is a living quickening force within them and they will never survive defeat or dishonour. Japan will go fighting for her very life and freedom, but, even if she is victorious, it will be very terrible and the consequences will be far-reaching. For war is like a swarm of locusts which settles upon the land, consuming its substance to the last blade of grass and leaving it a desolate waste."

On arriving at Kokoro, which their junk reached on the morning of January 27th, after a passage of three days, they took leave of the captain and crew and at once made their way to the railway station and left by the first train for Nagasaki. Being a small unimportant place, all was quiet at Kokoro, but on reaching the next station, which was the port of Moji, they found the platform crowded with soldiers and sailors and filled with government stores of every kind, including thousands of bags of rice from the interior.

The railway officials were bustling about and appeared to have their hands full, and the train was delayed for half an hour; and when it at length started, every carriage, including their own, was packed to its fullest capacity with naval and military men.

"This means war," murmured Uena with blanched face, nervously slipping her hand into Merton's.

"Never mind, dear," he whispered, pressing her hand reassuringly. "We will not look on the gloomy side of things; and even if war comes, it will not separate you and me."

Still the air seemed heavy with forebodings of impending strife and this seemed to cast a gloom over her and during the rest of the journey she sat silently listening to the babel of voices around them, for the greatest excitement and enthusiasm prevailed.

Nagasaki was reached shortly after two o'clock, and here again the liveliest activity was everywhere noticeable.

Merton accompanied Uena and Kaisha to the house of the geishas, where they received a warm welcome from O Hana-san. The rest of the girls were out. Uena seemed loth to leave Merton, so they walked together in the garden for nearly an hour, and no one came to disturb them in their happiness. Then he took leave of her at the little wooden gate and returned to the British Settlement for the purpose of applying for a special licence in order that their marriage might take place on the morrow. He also transacted some business with the agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The sun had already set when he got into a sampan and proceeded down the harbour to the *Far Cathay*. His mind was filled with happy expectation and with the satisfaction of having been victorious in his quest.

His coming was unexpected on the yacht, and no one awaited him at the gangway; but, directly he stepped on board, Mr. McLeone

caught sight of him and gave a shout of welcome, and the skipper came rushing out of the saloon.

"Well, I'm powerfully glad to see you back, Mr. Merton," he said as they cordially gripped hands. "And how goes things?"

"We are to be married to-morrow, old friend," said Merton quietly, "and I want you to be 'best man,' I have much to tell you—much which you will hardly credit."

"I guess I believe you," said the skipper, giving his hand a congratulatory squeeze, "you look as if you had seen something more than comradely chits. Things are looking up here—his drums and bugles and artillery practice all day long. The Japs mean business, you may lay to that!"

"The girls wonder," he added, nodding towards the geishas' home, "have often been abroad making kind inquiries about you."

"Do you think," said Merton, "they guessed the object of my journey?"

"The skipper winked shrewdly. 'I guess,' he replied, 'they can see through a brick wall about as well as most women. Bless the little creatures, I just calculate they will be powerfully pleased to see you two happily united—they wanted it all along!'"

"That is very good of them," said Merton with a smile of gratification. "You will be pleased to hear that I have made arrangements for the purchase of their house; and after the ceremony to-morrow I shall hand them the title deeds and a little nest-egg in the shape of a small annuity."

"That's what I call handsome!" exclaimed the skipper with hearty approval, "and it shows the heart of a gentleman and a Christian. And where are you going to spend the honeymoon?"

"We shall sail to-morrow night for Shanghai," responded Merton, "and I want the steward to make a spread in the saloon, as I shall give the girls a jolly evening before we start."

"I'm with you, Mr. Merton," was the cheery response, "and I'll tell Mr. McLeone to have everything shipshape and Bristol fashion. That sounds nice. I just brush my tail hat and swallow-tail coat and dust my concertina."

"Don't bring the concertina to church with you," laughed Merton, as they entered the saloon, where dinner was awaiting them.

"This is the first square meal I have tasted since leaving you," he observed, gladly surveying the table and settling down in good earnest to appease a long-suffering appetite.

After dessert they went on deck to finish their cigars, and Merton began to relate his recent experiences which proved so absorbingly interesting to the skipper that instead of smoking he allowed his cigar to burn out and went on chattering the charred stump; and now and again he would pause and with an expression of surprise ask if so and so was really true.

The story was a long one, and the hours slipped by with muffled tread. The voices in the fore-cabin gradually died away to a sleepy drone; and the glimmer of its lights and those on shore vanished one by one, until silence and darkness prevailed on all sides. Yet the two men unceasingly paced to and fro, as though their feet would never tire.

Suddenly Merton stopped and springing over to the starboard rail pointed to a small grubstake which was passing close to them on her way out of the harbour.

"That's the *Valka*," he exclaimed in a hoarse agitated voice. "She is slinking away to sea; and she has no lights showing."

"Let her sink," said the skipper. "They know there's going to be no rest for us, so they're going to show the Japs a clean pair of heels."

A great cloud of smoke, now and again illuminated by a fiery glow, streamed out of the vessel's funnel as she stealthily glided seaward like some dread phantom of the night.

"That's strange!" exclaimed Merton, speaking half to himself as he watched the gunboat disappear into the darkness.

"Not at all strange," said the skipper. "The bear is making for his lair."

"Man alive," he blurted, "do you know what time it is?"

"About ten, I suppose."

"Half-past twelve! Come, we had better turn in."

"You want rest and you deserve it," he said as they left the deck together, "for I guess you've had some of the most extraordinary experiences I've ever heard of; and in fairly tame. You'll have something to do to write it all down in your diary."

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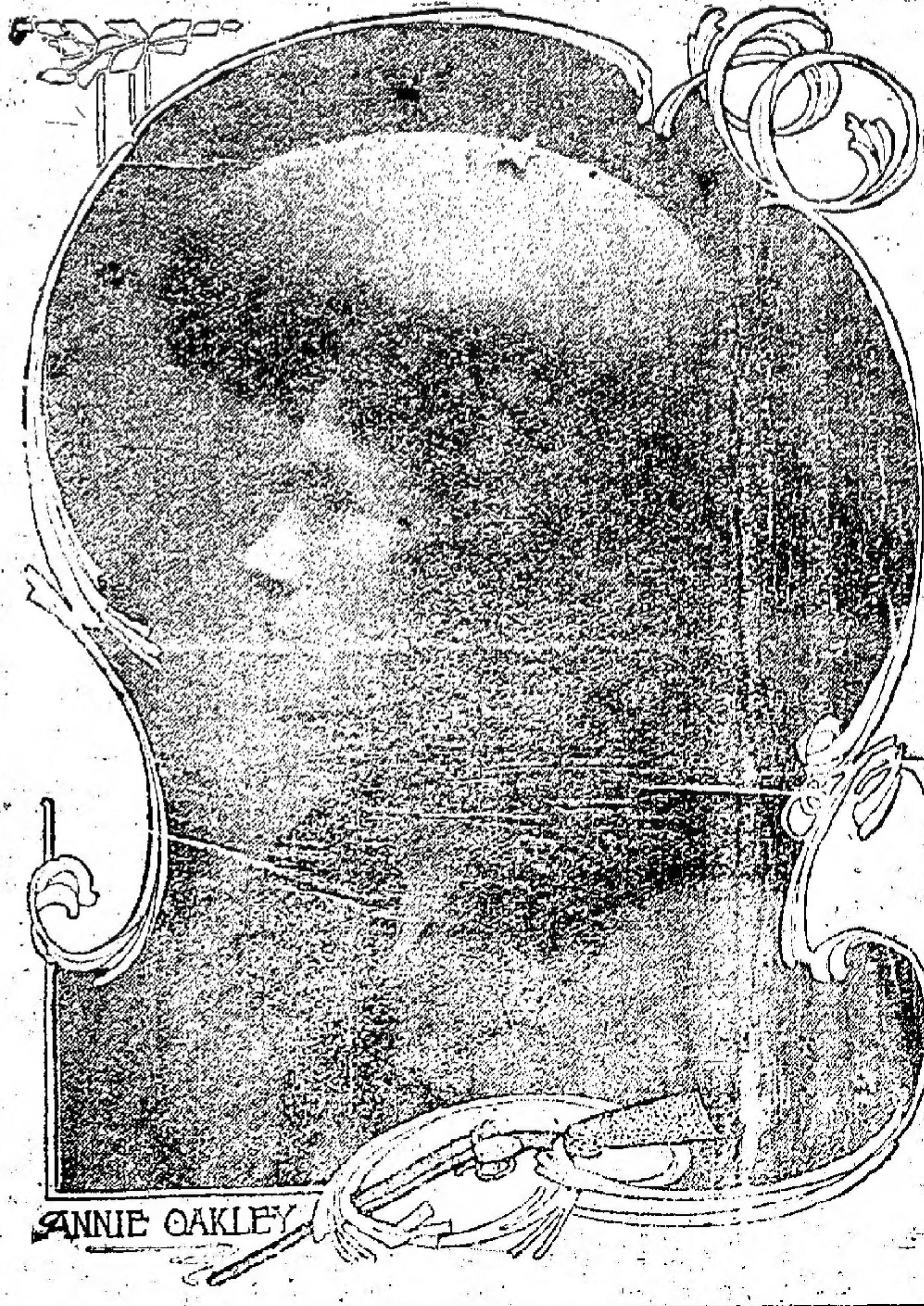
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VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via KEBELUNG, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU"	6,178	TUESDAY, 16th May, at Daylight

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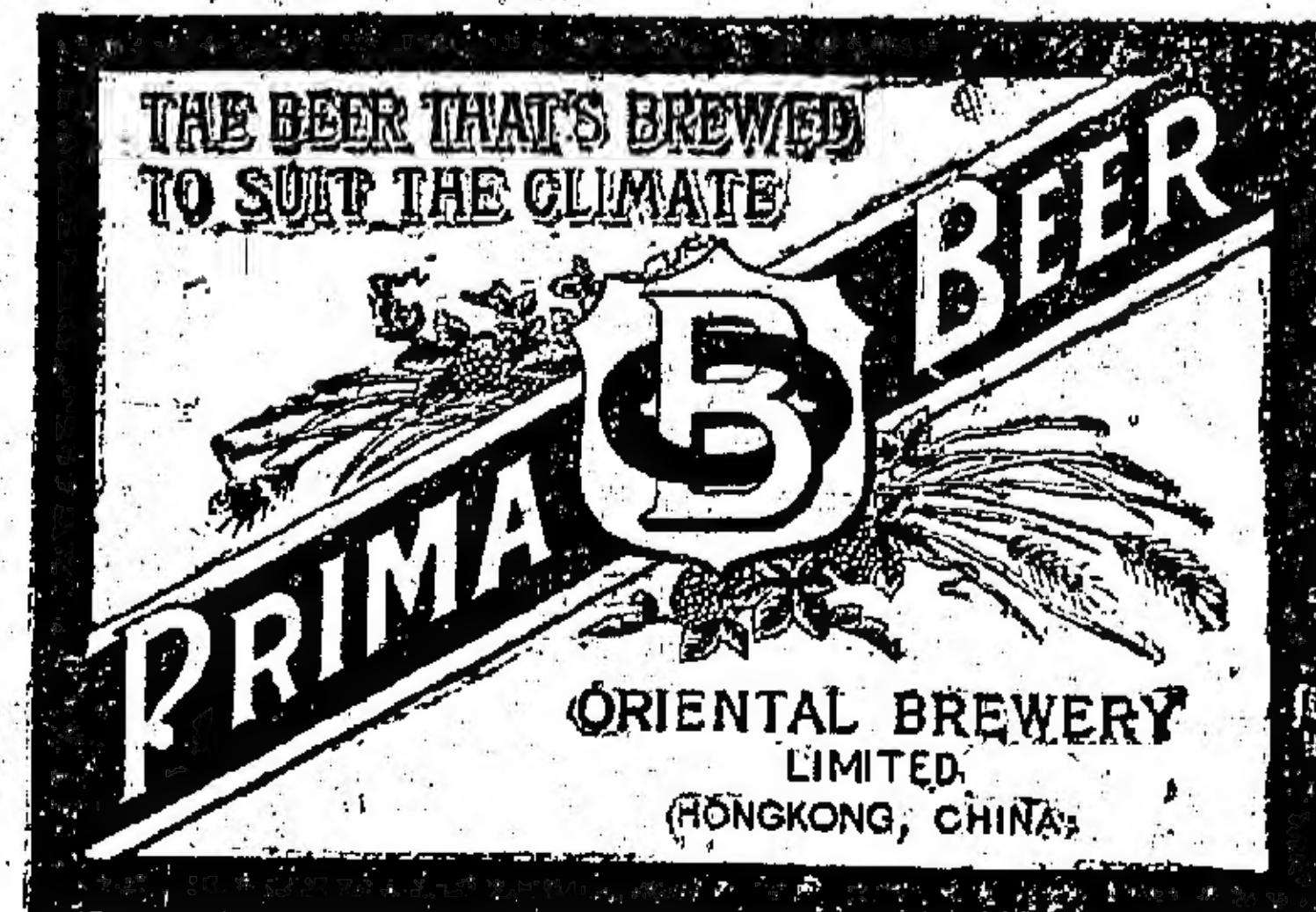
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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMSAI via SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 23rd April, at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW via SWATOW and AMOY	"CHOSHUN MARU"	WED'DAY, 25th April, at 8 A.M.

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The Mongolia, with the American Mail, may be expected here to-day, at 11 a.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hohow, Singapore and Bangkok	Bajaburi	Saturday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Loongang	Saturday, 22nd, 1.00 P.M.
Batavia	Sui Tai	Saturday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Batavia and Bangkok	Drufar	Saturday, 22nd, 4.00 P.M.
Batavia, Weihaiwei and Tientsin	Chipsing	Saturday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Batavia	Idene	Saturday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai (SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)	Chinhua	Registration, 4.15 P.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 5.00 P.M.) Letters, 6.00 P.M.
Batavia, Amoy and Tientsin	Haimun	Sunday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Manila, Yip, Maroon, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabat, Harbortsho, Samara, Matapi, Samara, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Looceston, Newcastle, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Daiqi Maru	Sunday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia, Amoy and Tientsin	Sui Tai	Monday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Gregory Apcar	Monday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Choyang	Monday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin	Ruichow	Monday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Batavia, Amoy and Fookchow	Haitan	Tuesday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Tamba Maru	Tuesday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.

EUROPE, A.C. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN. (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Ville de la Ciotat	Saturday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Tamara	Tamara	Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Japan	Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Kamo Maru	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia	Haimun	Wednesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	Yitocom	Wednesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 26th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Anhui	Thursday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
Batavia, Amoy and Fookchow	Haiding	Thursday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Looceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Empire	Saturday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	Mongolia	Saturday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, A.C. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN. (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday 28th inst., at 5 p.m.	Assaye	Saturday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Zafiro	Saturday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Chiofo and Newchwang	Nanchang	Saturday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER (B.C.) SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Empress of India	Saturday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenan	Saturday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
EUROPE, A.C. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN. (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Prinz Ludwig	Wednesday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.

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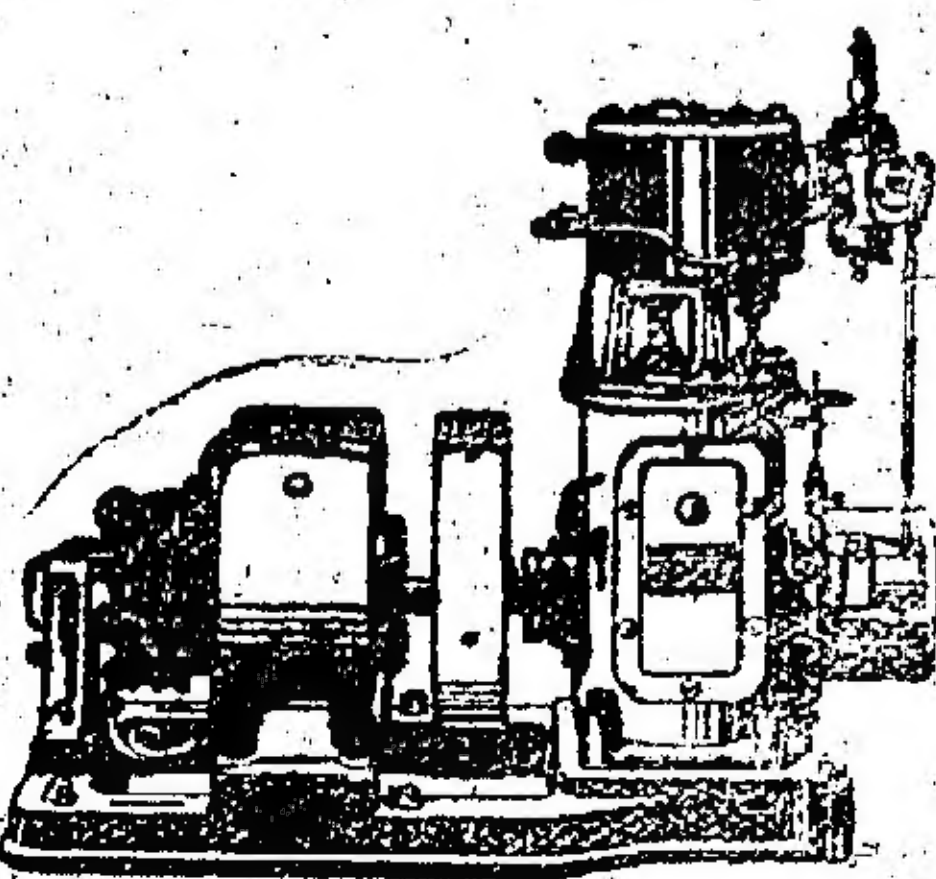
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EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON	April 21st
Telegraphic Transfer	194 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	140
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
ON PARIS	
Bank Bills, on demand	232
Credits, at 4 months' sight	235
ON GERMANY	
On demand	187 1/2
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	44 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	45 1/2
ON BOMBAY	
Telegraphic Transfer	136 1/2
Bank, on demand	136 1/2
ON CALCUTTA	
Telegraphic Transfer	136 1/2
Bank, on demand	136 1/2
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	89 1/2
ON MANILA	
On demand	89 1/2
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	78 1/2
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	109 1/2
ON HATYONG	
On demand	14 1/2
ON BANGKOK	
On demand	84 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.85
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tad	\$56.70
BAR SILVER, per oz.	243d.

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese	20 cents pieces, \$6.56 discount.
Chinese	100 " " \$6.88
Hongkong	20 " " \$6.34
Hongkong	100 " " \$6.67

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 21ST, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$89 1/2, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	all	\$87 1/2, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$9, sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	all	\$1, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2
COTTON MILLS.				
Five Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 85
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5 1/2, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 48
Lau-Kang-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	5,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 57
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 22 1/2
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$20, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$54, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	\$5, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 65
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$125	all	\$8, buyers
Fenwick & Co., Limited	16,000	\$25	all	\$3 1/2, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$200
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$23, sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$11 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$10	all	\$70, sales
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	P. 10	all	\$11
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$17 1/2, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$7, buyers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$7
INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$180
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$120, sales
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$35.33	\$25	\$110, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$330, buyers
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 162 1/2
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$845, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$190, x div.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$94, sal. & sel.
Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$64, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$28, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,800	\$50	all	Tls. 99
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$47, buyers
MINING.				
Societe Francaise des Charbon de Tonkin	15,000	P. 250	all	\$700
Rouff Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$22, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$13
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$110, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$20
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$93, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$19
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$15	all	\$29 1/2, sal. & sel.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$65, sel. (Ldon.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000 def.	\$1	all	\$66
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	91 1/2 sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$26
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$16
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$3, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$3, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$64, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$10, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	all	\$300
	50,000	\$10	all	\$64
RUBBER.				
Para Rubber in London	Daily Wire			5/5 per lb. steady
LOANS.				
Chinese Imperial 1895	Amount	Value	Interest	Quotation.
	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.
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TO-DAY

Noon—Twenty-Second Ordinary General Meeting of Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.
12.30 P.M.—Eight-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, 25th April—Twenty-Second Ordinary General Meeting of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Noon.
Tuesday, 25th April—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture at No. 4, Elliot Crescent, Robinson Road, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 P.M.
Wednesday, 26th April—Thirty-Eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Noon.
Wednesday, 26th April—Forty-Fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.
Friday, 28th April—Philharmonic Concert at City Hall, 9.15 P.M.

OPIMUM.

—O— April 20th

Quotations are:—

Malwa New	\$2,100/2,150 per picul
Malwa Old	\$2,160/2,170 "
Malwa Older	\$2,180/2,200 "
Malwa V. Old	\$2,220/2,250 "
Persian fine quality	\$1,150 "
Persian extra fine	\$2,025 "
Panna New	\$2,185 "
Panna Old	\$2,185 "
Banar New	\$2,185 "
Banar Old	\$2,135 "

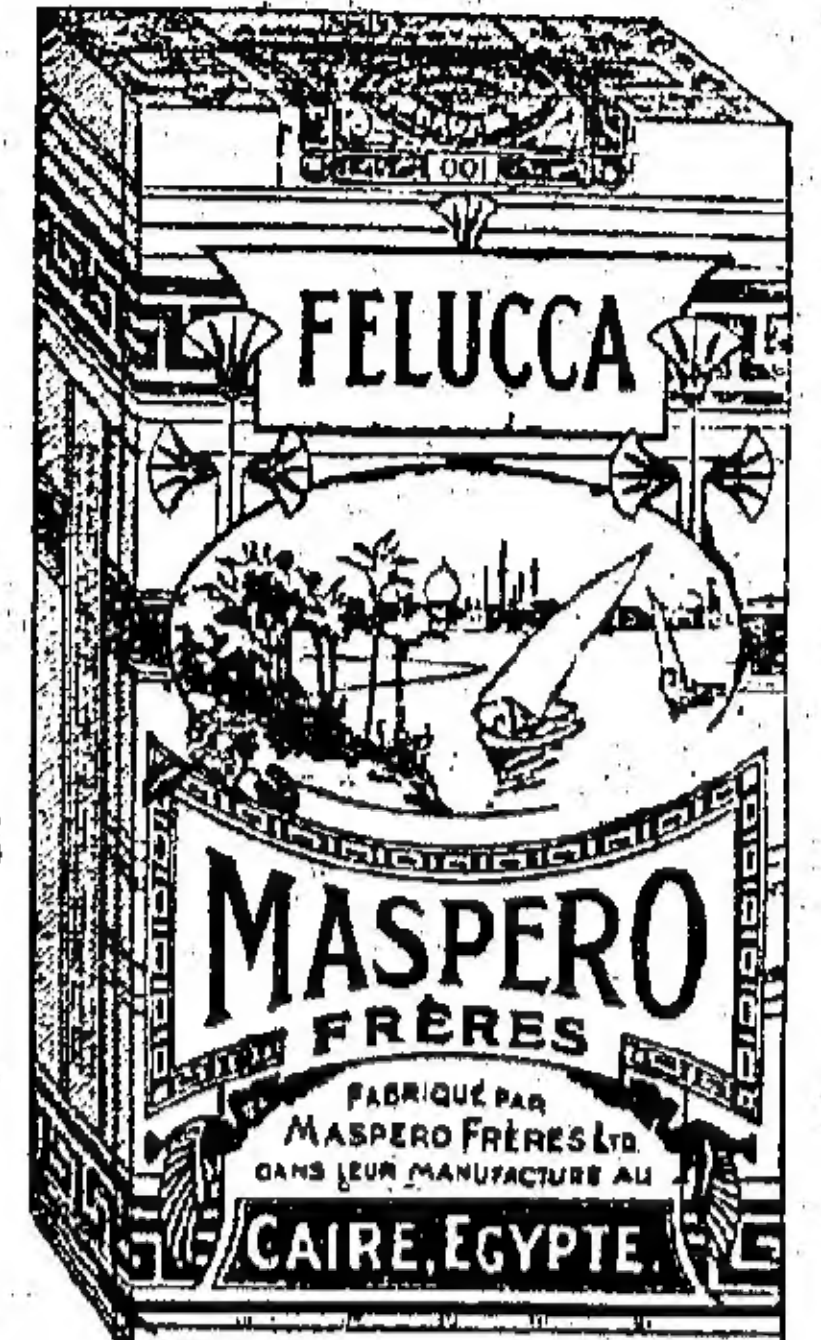
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, at 12, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 29th inst., at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1910.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. CHARLTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1911.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 22nd to 28th, 1911.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		H'kong Mean Time.	Height.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.
Sat.	22	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		2 26	5 7	11 34	1 8
Sun.	23	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		4 14	5 7	10 17	1 6
Mon.	24	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		5 35	5 9	9 54	1 5
Tues.	25	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		6 34	6 1	9 45	1 5
Wed.	26	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		7 49	5 4	1 23	1 4
Thurs.	27	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 8	5 9	2 0	1 5
Fri.	28	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 20	6 2	2 13	2 1
		9 11	6 0	3 0	1 4

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 21st.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.02	30.15	30.05
Temperature	75°	74°	73°
Humidity	61	72	72
Wind Direction	ESE	E	E
Force	2	2	2
Weather	c	b	b
Rain	—	—	—
Highest open air Temperature on 20th	77		
Lowest open air Temperature on 21st	65		

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